



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Issued by the Department of Transportation on August 8, 2002

**NOTICE OF ACTION TAKEN -- DOCKETS OST-99-6555, OST-99-6556, OST-2000-6756**

This serves as notice to the public of the action described below, taken by the Department official indicated (no additional confirming order will be issued in this matter).

Joint Applicants: **Delta Air Lines, Inc., Atlantic Southeast Airlines, Inc., Comair, Inc. (Delta/Delta Connection) and South African Airways (SAA)**  
Date Filed: July 24, 2002

Relief requested: (1) Amend exemptions from 49 U.S.C. 41301 (last granted January 18, 2002, in Dockets OST-99-6555 and OST-2000-6756) to permit SAA to: (a) conduct scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail between Johannesburg/Cape Town, South Africa, via the intermediate point Ilha do Sal, Cape Verde, and Washington, D.C.; (b) serve Washington, D.C. on a coterminous basis with its existing U.S. gateways at Atlanta, New York, Fort Lauderdale, Miami and Los Angeles; and (c) add West Palm Beach, FL, as one of the 25 U.S. points SAA may serve only on a codeshare basis beyond its U.S. gateways. (SAA requested that this authority remain in effect through January 18, 2004, coextensive with its existing exemption authority in this docket.)

(2) Amend statements of authorization (last granted January 5, 2000, and August 27, 2001, in Docket OST-99-6556; and January 18, 2002, in Docket OST-2000-6756) to permit: (a) **Delta/Delta Connection** to display SAA's designator code on flights operated by Delta/Delta Connection between SAA's authorized U.S. gateways and West Palm Beach; and (b) SAA to display Delta's designator code on flights operated by SAA between Johannesburg/Cape Town and Entebbe/Kampala, Uganda.

Applicant representatives: Robert Cohn (Delta) 202-663-8060; Frank Costello (SAA) 202-298-8660

Responsive pleadings: None

**DISPOSITION**

Action: Approved

Action date: August 8, 2002

Effective dates of exemption authority granted: August 8, 2002 - January 18, 2004

Effective dates of statements of authorization granted: August 8, 2002 - indefinite, subject to code-share conditions

Basis for approval (bilateral agreement/reciprocity): U.S.-South Africa Air Transport Agreement

Except to the extent exempted/waived, this authority is subject to the terms, conditions, and limitations indicated:

☒ Standard exemption conditions (attached) ☒ Statement of authorizations for Delta and SAA code-share operations dated January 5 and 24, 2002, and conditions therein.

Action taken by: **Paul L. Gretch, Director**  
**Office of International Aviation**

We found that South African Airways was qualified to perform its proposed operations.

Under authority assigned by the Department in its regulations, 14 CFR Part 385, we found that (1) our action was consistent with Department policy; (2) grant of the authority was consistent with the public interest; and (3) grant of the authority would not constitute a major regulatory action under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975. To the extent not granted/deferred/dismissed, we denied all requests in the referenced Dockets. We may amend, modify, or revoke the authority granted in this Notice at any time without hearing at our discretion.

Persons entitled to petition the Department for review of the action set forth in this Notice under the Department's regulations, 14 CFR §385.30, may file their petitions within seven (7) days after the date of issuance of this Notice. This action was effective when taken, and the filing of a petition for review will not alter such effectiveness.

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## **FOREIGN AIR CARRIER CONDITIONS OF AUTHORITY**

In the conduct of the operations authorized, the holder shall:

- (1) Not conduct any operations unless it holds a currently effective authorization from its homeland for such operations, and it has filed a copy of such authorization with the Department;
- (2) Comply with all applicable requirements of the Federal Aviation Administration, including, but not limited to, 14 CFR Parts 129, 91, and 36, and with all applicable U.S. Government requirements concerning security;
- (3) Comply with the requirements for minimum insurance coverage contained in 14 CFR Part 205, and, prior to the commencement of any operations under this authority, file evidence of such coverage, in the form of a completed OST Form 6411, with the Federal Aviation Administration's Program Management Branch (AFS-260), Flight Standards Service (any changes to, or termination of, insurance also shall be filed with that office);
- (4) Not operate aircraft under this authority unless it complies with operational safety requirements at least equivalent to Annex 6 of the Chicago Convention;
- (5) Conform to the airworthiness and airman competency requirements of its Government for international air services;
- (6) Except as specifically exempted or otherwise provided for in a Department Order, comply with the requirements of 14 CFR Part 203, concerning waiver of Warsaw Convention liability limits and defenses;
- (7) Agree that operations under this authority constitute a waiver of sovereign immunity, for the purposes of 28 U.S.C. 1605(a), but only with respect to those actions or proceedings instituted against it in any court or other tribunal in the United States that are:
  - (a) based on its operations in international air transportation that, according to the contract of carriage, include a point in the United States as a point of origin, point of destination, or agreed stopping place, or for which the contract of carriage was purchased in the United States; or
  - (b) based on a claim under any international agreement or treaty cognizable in any court or other tribunal of the United States.

In this condition, the term "international air transportation" means "international transportation" as defined by the Warsaw Convention, except that all States shall be considered to be High Contracting Parties for the purpose of this definition;

- (8) Except as specifically authorized by the Department, originate or terminate all flights to/from the United States in its homeland;
- (9) Comply with the requirements of 14 CFR Part 217, concerning the reporting of scheduled, nonscheduled, and charter data;
- (10) If charter operations are authorized, except as otherwise provided in the applicable aviation agreement, comply with the Department's rules governing charters (including 14 CFR Parts 212 and 380); and
- (11) Comply with such other reasonable terms, conditions, and limitations required by the public interest as may be prescribed by the Department, with all applicable orders or regulations of other U.S. agencies and courts, and with all applicable laws of the United States.

This authority shall not be effective during any period when the holder is not in compliance with the conditions imposed above. Moreover, this authority cannot be sold or otherwise transferred without explicit Department approval under Title 49 of the U.S. Code (formerly the Federal Aviation Act of 1958, as amended).